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UNMC, UNO launch collaborating center

Linda Sedjro

UNO and UNMC have jointly entered the community service forum by creating the Collaborating Center for Public Health and Community Service.

The center is "designed to promote the health and development of

Nebraska's populations and communities through campus-community collaboration in education, training and service," said B.J. Reed, dean of UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

The Collaborating Center, which opened in December, is located in Omaha's historic Dundee neighborhood, midway between the two campuses. It is owned and managed by Holland Basham Architects, which occupies the adjacent main building. Non-university occupants include non-profit organizations that sublease space from UNMC for two-year

The center has a great amount of space for every community-based organization to support their basic infrastructure needs.

The Collaborating Center is "a place where we can have community-based organizations and projects that worked together with a collective long-term goal to educate Nebraska communities achieve optimal health and well-being," Reed said.

The center houses people who work to develop programs to prevent health problems in the community, in addition to providing technical assistance. It's also a training place for neighborhood

associations, who can use the meeting spaces. The center has 6,000 square feet for such meetings and is very spacious, Reed said.

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Magda Peck, associate chairman of pediatrics at UNMC.

Among other infrastructures, the center has a telecommunications and computing service and basic administrative support.

"It combines a strategic mix of universityand community-led activities that enhance one another when their small staffs are housed together," said Magda Peck, associate chairman of pediatrics at UNMC.

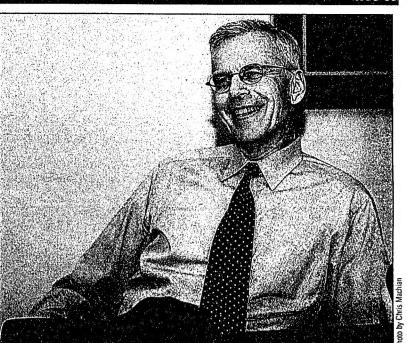
Peck said the center "reflects the principles of communication and collaboration and promotes a neighborhood atmosphere that relies on shared resources and peer exchange."

The combination of multiple programs allows the community based-organizations to achieve an economy of scale to support their basic infrastructure needs.

The center also features a shared telephone system and fax, universitysupported computing system, Internet access and a community conference room that can hold more than 25 people.

A number of campus programs and community organizations currently meet at the center.

The center is also planning to build a neighborhood and community development resource library.



Shelton Hendricks has been named Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. He will officially take over on July 1.

New dean named for Arts & Sciences

T.J. Accola

Shelton Hendricks, associate vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies, has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Hendricks will replace Dr. John Flocken, dean of the college since 1995. Flocken will resume a teaching position in the department of physics.

Hendricks has been a part of the UNO faculty since 1969, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology and neuroscience.

Hendricks said some of his primary goals as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will be in the areas of student computer literacy and scholarship funding.

Hendricks also said communications department and the behavioral and life sciences department are two areas he hopes to emphasize.

Hendricks' appointment will tentatively be approved by the university Board of Regents at a June 23 meeting, with his official induction July 1.

IS&T camp teaches kids the way of the Web



Above: Ankur Agrawal (seated) shows off his Web site to fellow class member Sir Justin Levering. The Web sites were made as part of the Cyber Kids Camp I. Right: Ankur works on his HTML codes.

Angle Schaffer

In room 269 of the Peter Kiewit Institute, a new generation of students is being formed — a generation that defines itself through favorite links and scrolling messages.

These 11- to 14-year-olds are part of Cyber Kids Camp I, a summer camp sponsored by the College of Information Science and Technology.

Students learn some HTML language while creating their own pages. They are taugnt to incorporate music, scrolling messages and animated pictures into their pages.

The response from the students is positive.

"I really like it!" said Ankit Agrawal, 11. Friends Ankur Agrawal, 10, and Ankit Agrawal, 10, agreed. All three will "definitely" come back.

Cyber Kids Camp II, to be held this week, gives them the opportunity to do just that -- and to learn more HTML and some Javascript, a more challenging programming

UNO sophomore Mike Grove and junior



Kecia Gubbels are teaching the classes this

Gubbels has found the camp to be an educational alternative to the usual computer support she does at PKI.

"I didn't know very much HTML at the beginning [of the week], but I've picked up a lot so far," she said.

The experience has had an effect on Grove as well.

"I really like working with the kids. At first, it [teaching] was awkward, but I've really come to enjoy it."

Each free camp is held for one week during the summer. Cyber Kids Camp I ran from June 11-15, and Cyber Kids Camp II from June 18-22.

Parking fees to increase this fall

David M. Johnson

You'll need to dig a little deeper into your pockets if you want to find a parking place this fall - parking permits prices will increase for the Fall 2001 semester.

Faculty and staff permits will now be-\$65 (up from \$50), students will be paying \$45 (up from \$35) and the cost for a parking structure access card goes up to \$15 (from \$12.50). The increases are targeted to offset higher operating costs, according to notices sent to UNO students and faculty.

'Primarily, the money pays for the shuttle service, which is being used more and more," Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said. "Also, we have

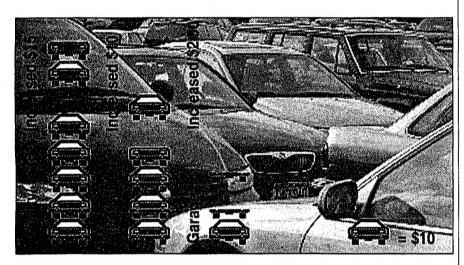
more concrete ... added in the South Campus ... and our snow removal costs have gone up tremendously. There are additional maintenance costs as well."

This is the first parking permit increase at UNO since 1990.

"There is a possibility the fees may have to be increased next year," Kosel said. 'We'll have to look closely at costs."

Should an increase be needed in 2002, the recommendation will come from the Parking Advisory Committee to the Chancellor's Office.

"The school is mailing out parking permit renewals now to students and staff,' Kosel said. "The fall increase is already included on the renewal forms."



Group	Old price	New price	Increase
Faculty/staff	\$50	\$65	30%
Students	\$35	\$45	28.6%
Parking structure	\$12.50	\$15	20%

Bookstores: Not just for coffee

opinion by Angle Schaffer

Suppose the chain coffeehousebookstore idea is becoming a little too cliché' for your tastes. Just suppose.

Now, imagine there is a world of small, independent bookstores you have not yet discovered scattered throughout the Omaha

I've been up and down this dusty old town, amid the summer heat and construction, and have found nothing, at least in the artistic sense. No underground vendors with classics and a few soon-to-be famous works. However, if you're the type to appreciate the smaller things in life, like three walls full of used paperback romance novels, read on.

The first bookstore on my list was Next Millennium Books and Gifts, located in the shopping center at 72nd & Grant. To sum up my experience inside this store ... they sell crystals. Although about 65 percent of the store held candles, jewelry, crystals and these creepy gargoyle cats, there was a section devoted to a very diverse group of literature.

The first book I picked up was an illustrated book of Greek myths. Not quite the type of thing you're used to finding in a bookstore that sells crystals, and there was more. Besides the usual witchcraft books, there were also books on Hasidism. aromatherapy, Feng Shui (the Chinese geometric practice in which a structure or site is chosen or configured so as to harmonize with the spiritual forces that inhabit it) and both paperback and audio copies of Howard Stern's "Private Parts."

I was intrigued. If you're seriously

looking for a book, I wouldn't suggest trying to find it here. However, with the eerily soothing music in the background, refreshing blast of air conditioning and browser-friendly book stacks, Next Millennium Books and Gifts is an enjoyable alcove to wander into and lose yourself for a few minutes.

My next stop was Mary's Book Exchange, a shop crammed full with every paperback romance ever printed, three walls displaying one cheesy romance novel after another. I realized my mistake when I reached the back wall which houses exclusively Harlequin romance novels.

My suggestion to you: if you have a little time and need to get some errands done, visit this place. For an easy three-inone stop, get a free pregnancy test at AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center on 90th & Ohio, then head over to Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream (right next to Mary's; I recommend the turtle fudge) and then pop into Mary's Book Exchange. I should mention here that the store is not all bad. There are sections with literary classics, westerns, young adult fiction (for when you're dragging your little sister along - remember Sweet Valley?) and adult fiction.

I found some great deals - "Foucault's Pendulum" by Umberto Eco for only \$1.39, plus books of prose by authors such as John Updike. Overall rating — for those of you seeking a romantic pick-me-up, go now. For the rest of you --- only if you're in the mood for ice cream.

My favorite of all the book shops I hit was the Merchant of Venus. Expecting porn,

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Around the area News from other campuses

T.J. Accola

Chadron State College

Eleven teachers and students left June 16 for the Mexican city of Oaxaca. The group will spend a month in the southern city (pop. 245,000), where they will learn basic Spanish at the prestigious Instituto Cultural Oaxaca. This is the fifth year CSC has sponsored the trip.

Creighton University

Dr. Eugene Rich, professor and chair of the Department of Medicine at CU, has been awarded "Article of the Year" by the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy. Dr. Rich's article, "The Effects of Medical Group Practice and Physician Payment Methods on Costs of Care," concerning relationships between physician practice, payment methods and costs, was published in the August 2000 issue of "Health Services Research." Rich's article also won the National Institute for Health Care Management Research and Educational Foundation's Seventh Annual Research Award.

Iowa State University

ISU officials have unveiled the university's 2001-2002 theme: "Challenging students to become their best." A number of celebrity guest speakers were announced as part of the new theme, including rap artist Chuck D, comedian Jake Johannsen and former cast members of MTV's "The Real World." The newly remodeled Student Answer Center will open and groundbreaking for the new College of Business will begin.

University of Iowa

UI officials issued an apology June 13 for experiments conducted at the university more than 60 years ago. The apology follows an investigative report published last week by the San Jose Mercury News, in which it was revealed that Dr. Wendell Johnson, a prominent speech pathologist at UI, had induced orphans to stutter in a 1939 experiment. UI officials said they are "confident that experiments of this nature cannot happen again."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

A \$2.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education will help create the National Center for Information Technology in Education (NCITE). The center, which will actually be located at several UNL facilities, will be jointly managed by the UNL Teachers College and Nebraska Educational Telecommunications and will attempt to further develop technology-assisted education.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

UNMC will open its new Lifestyle Enhancement Center June 23 with a celebration open to the public. The 7,500square-foot facility offers a variety of holistic approaches to patients, including therapeutic massage, heated stone massage and herbal consultation.

Prucha sworn in as president

T.J. Accola

Mallory Prucha was sworn in as student body president June 13 at Varner Hall in Lincoln.

Prucha, a studio art and political science major, officially replaces Will Marunda, who resigned from the position after two terms to attend graduate school at

Texas A&M.

A celebration luncheon for Prucha is scheduled for June 27 at the Milo Bail Student Center Chancellor's Room.

Next year's student government elections are set to be held Oct. 16 and 17, with runoffs, if necessary, to be held Oct. 30 and 31.



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The mystery behind dreams

Part one of a two-part series

Diane Littlejohn

"BZZZZ"! the alarm screams in my ear. I wake with a start and groggily turn over to shut it off.

"Eight a.m. already," I moan and stubbornly drag myself out of bed. I make my way to the bathroom, peel off my clothes and welcome the rain of the warm shower on my face.

After my shower, I quickly get dressed and return to the bathroom to brush my teeth. As I clean my teeth, I notice blood on the brush. I begin to panic. I continue to brush my teeth, and as I am rinsing my mouth, I notice a small, white tooth lying in the sink. In utter disbelief, I stare at myself in the mirror and see a black hole staring at me where my tooth used to be.

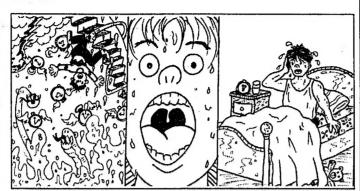
Then, one by one, my teeth begin to fall into the sink, leaving me with a mouth full of toothless

"No!" I scream, and suddenly wake up from my slumber, drenched in sweat.

I hurriedly run to the mirror and find that my teeth are still there. It was only a dream, but it seemed so real

Losing your teeth is a common theme many people dream about. But what does is all mean?

Dreaming of teeth falling out usually symbolizes the dreamer is having trouble getting their voice heard. Whether it's a conversation with a spouse or boss, this kind of



"Oh Man! What the hell was THAT about?"

dream could mean the dreamer is shy and needs to brush up on their conversational skills and be less intimidated by more aggressive people. Once the dreamer does that, the dream (usually a recurring type) will disappear or lessen in its effects.

Why should we analyze our dreams?

Interpreting our dreams can be a powerful tool. We can learn about our deepest desires, secrets or feelings. Every aspect of the dream represents an aspect of the dreamer's personality.

Dr. Gillian Holloway, author of "Dreaming Insights: A Five Step Plan to Discover the Meaning in Your Dream," says, "The images in your dreams may appear strange, but they are all deliberate parts of a meaningful story about your life. Nothing appears in your dreams accidentally. Each component presents valuable information. Usually the most baffling part of

the dream is the part you need to understand the most."

Before we can interpret a dream, we need to follow specific rules.

1. Each character in the dream represents an aspect of ourselves. For most people, this is the most difficult part to grasp. Whether you are dreaming about a family member or enemy, each character represents a part of you. Even inanimate objects such as houses and buildings are thought to represent the physical body. Fire can represent the dreamer's emotions and air represents the dream's state of mind.

2. Cause and effect. Every symbol in the dream is connected. Things that are apparently unconnected, such as people and emotions, are just a link in the cause-and-effect chain. Find a symbol that shows the cause of

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Omaha group teaming up with Cameroon foundation

Linda Sediro

Planned Parenthood of Omaha and Council Bluffs plans to merge with Cameroon's Youth Development Foundation in Central Africa in order to share information about reproductive health, STDs, AIDS, education methods and lifestyle and teen sexuality.

"Through a series of exchanges over the past two years, we have shared information about Planned Parenthood, and Omaha has had the great fortune of being matched with Cameroon's Youth Development Foundation," said Jill M. Banaszak, UNO alumna and volunteer at PPOCB.

The health organization Global Partners pairs up reproductive health services such as Planned Parenthood with third world countries' reproductive health organizations. Through this exchange, PPOCB members and Cameroon YDF take turns visiting each other's countries.

"I myself had the opportunity to be part of the exchange, and I cannot describe how amazing and unforgettable Cameroon (and the people) were. They experienced our cold weather in October, and we experienced their (unbelievable) heat this past March," Banaszak said. "We shared our McDonald's and apple pie, and they offered puff puff and lizard."

During the last two years'

mutual visits to Cameroon and Omaha, PPOCB members conducted courses about safe sex and AIDS to the Cameroon population. In October 2000, one of the YDF founders visited the Omaha Planned Parenthood facility. He toured the PPOCB facility and talked to different health reproductive organization specialists. He also visited the Nebraska AIDS project.

Four people from PPOCB were sent in March to Cameroon through the exchange program. Their members noticed some differences between the Planned Parenthood in Omaha and the Cameroon YDF.

"People in Cameroon who have contracted AIDS cannot be tested because of the lack of technology," Banaszak said.

However, YDF has trained people, called peer educators, who volunteer their time to learn information regarding safe sex. They become a resource to their community by teaching the youth of the population about Planned Parenthood and safe sex.

"On the other hand," Banaszak said, "the issues of teen sexuality, AIDS and STDs are not just topics Cameroon youth deal with. Here in the U.S., we have to deal with people who don't want to use condoms. But in Cameroon, not only do they deal with the same problems, but the YDF has

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opinions&editorials

Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor:

Your front page news article, "Former student leads Bush protest at College World Series," (June 12) by T.J. Accola needed some work. The headline highlights the fact that the lead protester, Joshua Thompson, is a former UNO student. It doesn't give any more details of his UNO connection other than he is a history major. I fail to see the relevance of Thompson's status as a former student. Thompson may also have been a former Boy Scout or McDonald's employee or XYZ High School graduate. So he was a UNO student. Did he take one class back in 1997 or is he a current student who isn't taking summer classes?

The"news" item also glorifies his position as an anti-Bush protestor. It uses such inflammatory quotes as "illegally put in office," "un-American agenda" and "appalled and outraged." There is nothing to balance pro-Bush positions, which are held by a majority of Nebraska voters. What you have is a pro-protestor "news" story which has a place on the editorial page. Couldn't Accola have found one or two of the other 23,000 people at the stadium to give their opinions about the protestors?

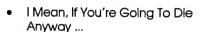
The "news" story promotes Thompson as some sort of hero to be envied by the Gateway readers, which clearly betrays Accola's bias on the issues. As I recall from press accounts, Thompson was hoping for over 100 protestors and managed "about 30." The front page picture shows at least two children. I don't know if you count them as protestors or victims of psychological child abuse. The protest was well publicized in advance of the event. The Gateway headline could have just as easily read "Protest effort a dismal failure" or "Former student disgraces UNO."

If Thompson wasn't a former UNO student or if the protest were about high gas prices, the article probably wouldn't be in the UNO newspaper. But since there was some controversy and the other local media outlets chose to highlight his former status, the Gateway chose to exploit that angle.

I just find it interesting to see what some news organizations try to pass off as news. I think some reporters with an agenda should go back to "J" school or pay better attention in class to learn what makes a fair and balanced news story.

Greg Trimm, **UNO Staff**

Cruisin' the news



Swedish biologist Susanne Wiigh-Masak has found a way to turn dead human bodies into pure, organic soil enricher in just a few weeks (it normally takes 50-60 years for a body to decompose). Her method, approved by the Church of Sweden, uses a liquid nitrogen bath which turns the dead body into about 65 pounds of fertilizer. The mound of organic matter can then be put into a thin, biodegradable coffin. Before you know it ... your lawn is greener.

Kinda gives new meaning to the term, "Pushing up daisies."

Well, We Should Know For Sure By March 2002

Hard hit by high energy costs, the Brazilian government is seeking to cut electricity consumption by 20 percent beginning this month. Night sporting events and concerts have been moved to the daytime. Shopping centers will close early to save on energy costs. All this has Sao Paulo University professor Sedi Hirano worried. "The early nights will result in an increase in sexual activity and create a baby boom," Hirano said. "The probability of arousal is higher."

How ironic. An energy deficit causing an energy surplus.

Nutty Chinese Peanuts Nuts

The McDonald's restaurant Guangzhou, China, offered a Snoopy doll for 10 yuan with their kiddie meal promotion in late April. The demand was so great fights broke out among customers, people started stealing extra Snoopy dolls and some even broke out windows in frustration when supplies sold out. Parents complained to the McDonald's hotline their kids were too depressed to study because they couldn't collect the full set of six Snoopy dolls.

Ah, the joys of capitalism.



revue

column by David Johnson

Capel cottage

Does Rain Bug You?

Heavy rains in Cambodia have created a real hardship for market vendors there. No, the rain hasn't kept customers away. The problem is the rains have made it easier to catch crickets, thus dropping the price of the popular snack item. Cambodians eat raw or fried crickets like Westerners eat popcorn or nuts. But now, the price for a kilogram of fresh crickets has dropped from 3,500 riel (91 cents) to 1,000 riel (26 cents). Vendors have taken to putting their crickets on ice and shipping them to larger cities where the market is greater.

Cheap chirp.

No Sex Please, We're Skaters

The International Skating Union (ISU) issued a statement earlier this month in which it advised judges to deduct points for moves or positions taken by female skaters which they deem to be obscene or undignified. The body said it would no longer put up with sustained upside down splits and spreadeagles performed by women skaters. Some of the skaters say the problem is further exacerbated by cameras zooming in on their crotches during performances.

There goes Sharon Stone's bid for the 2002 Olympics.

Flatus Eruptus

Australian scientists have invented a vaccine which they say will reduce cow farts, and therefore methane emissions, by 20 percent. The effect will be the equivalent of taking 300,000 tons of carbon dioxide out of the air for every 3 million animals vaccinated. "Methane is a very potent greenhouse gas," scientist Rob Kelly said. "It is around 21 percent more potent in greenhouse terms than carbon dioxide."

After all the cows have been vaccinated, scientists will begin working on the No. 1 methane emitters ... fraternity men.

Biting the Big Apple on a student's budget

"Spectacular!" I exclaim. As a privileged student visiting New York City, I am gazing at the purple twilight amidst the world's greatest skyline.

Magnificent skyscrapers dwarf us on the 25th floor. On the extreme left, Central Park stretches out in an eternal green splendor; on the right, the Hudson River bustles with vessels from faraway lands.

Retired UNO theatre professor Julia Curtis smiles and says, "Now you know why I decided to spend the rest of my life here."

Curtis's decision to settle in New York City amounts to quite a compliment for the mighty metropolis. She's a world traveler who can afford to live anywhere she chooses, and she chooses to live in a deluxe apartment in the skies of Manhattan, near the Broadway theater district she so adores

But what about students such as you and me, who hunger for a taste of the Big Apple and must stay within a modest budget? Well, as for myself, I've chomped on this apple countless times and so can you. There should be a law against students depriving themselves of this experience. The secret: make the stay short, but crowd it with meaning.

Demanding and rewarding, seductive and stern, New York refires the traveler's imagination as visitors pumped with curiosity swarm her streets to revel in her excitement and to absorb her seductive rhythm. The challenge lies not so much in affordability, for if you stay just a few days, you won't go broke; the challenge lies in how many inexpensive experiences can you cram into a short stay.

Even students living below the poverty level can hop a flight to New York at regular intervals if their scheme involves shrewd shopping for low air fare. That can sometimes, but not always, mean flying a Red Eye schedule. And it's best on the budget if the travelers confine their stay to only a few days.

Reserve a room at the YMCA (which accommodates both men and women) for about \$50 a day, but skip the Y's "cuisine" and eat at the cheaper joints along Broadway not McDonald's or any fast food chains available every day of your lives in Omaha.

This is New York. Check out the vast array of moderately priced eateries providing an Eastern atmosphere, chow downs like Caffe Grazie, Serendpidy and Pig Heaven. You can eat light or gorge yourself for \$5 to \$20. You can do burgers, salads and footlong hotdogs. A better experience would be appetizers like the bruschetta assortment served with a small salad and the warm white-bean salad over



Eskew eclectic

column by Steve Eskew

prosciutto because the portions are generous enough to be a meal in themselves. Entrees, like veal stuffed with prosciutto and spinach and iumbo shrimp with lemon-caper sauce, are fresh and flavorful.

Furthermore, don't miss the great sweets available at each of these places such as frozen hot chocolate, a slushy version of an old favorite. Other crowd pleasers include dark double devil mouse, celestial carrot cake, lemon ice box pie and anything with hot fudge. Sinful maybe, but you won't go broke.

Speaking of money, watch out for the outrageous cost of transportation from either Kennedy or New Jersey International to Midtown Manhattan. I recommend for students to land at LaGuardia Airport. It costs about \$20, easily a third of the cab fare from the other two terminals. And while I'm handing out fatherly advice, all you new arrivals better keep constant tabs on your wallet. Pickpockets prey on travelers at airports. Women with purses should strap them over their shoulder and hold closely; students wearing slacks should stick their wallets in a front pocket with your fingertips near it at all times. And always use travelers cheques. You can cash them anywhere - if you don't lose

Once you're settled, don't waste time sleeping in your room. Start exploring the most exciting city in the world. Don't be afraid to hike down Broadway to 42nd to absorb the tempo and dazzle of Times Square, with its honking vehicles, barking street venders and wall-to-wall people, who communicate in just about every tongue from Mandarin to Brooklynese. This district buzzes with almost the same frantic pace at 3 a.m. as it does at 3 p. m. New York indeed lives up to its reputation as the city that never sleeps.

After you've soaked up a little of the atmosphere, get thee to a subway station and find out which number train will take you to Macy's, Pennsylvania Station, Grande Central Station and the Empire State Building. Each of these landmarks are on or near the 34th Street Exit. Grab a bus if you prefer. It's more exciting, but the subway is faster. Use nothing

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Stay safe this summer ... Faces of AIDS exhibit preventing sunburn

Diane Littlejohn

It's summertime. Winter is over, the sun is shining and the weather is great. Time to go and catch some rays, right?

Wrong.

Tanning is one of the most harmful activities of the summer. Tanning happens when ultraviolet rays of the sun penetrate the inner layers of our skin, causing the skin to produce more melanin than normal. A suntan is our skin responding to that injury.

Everybody knows sunbathing is dangerous, but what about other methods like sunless tanning and tanning booths?

"Tanning booths, sunless tanning and sunbathing are all harmful," says Marcia Adler, R.N. and coordinator of Student Health Services at UNO. "Any change in (skin) pigment increases the risk of skin cancer.'

Contrary to popular belief, artificial radiation carries all the risks of natural sunlight. Tanning booth exposure can cause cataracts, sunburns, premature aging of the skin and even skin cancer, according to experts.

"Tanning booths are like cigarette manufacturers. They tell you it's safe, but it is just as harmful as sunbathing," Adler said.

Sun protection is extremely important, and the best way to protect yourself while in the sun is by wearing sunscreen. Sunscreens are available in many forms, such as ointments, creams, gels and lotions.

"The brand of sunscreen is not as important as making sure that it has at least an SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of 30 or higher," Adler said.

Sunscreens can be applied under makeup, and many beauty products are available with sunscreen for daily use. And, they're not only for sunny days. On cloudy days, 80 percent of the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays pass through the clouds. So, even when it's cloudy, apply sunscreen.

In a situation when you forgot to apply sunscreen and as a result, become sunburned, you should be aware there are several different types of burns. The most common are first and second-degree burns.

First-degree burns typically cause redness and peeling but will usually heal in a few days. First-degree burns are best treated with cool baths and over-the-counter

hydrocortisone creams.

"Sunburn is like a fever. You literally give off heat," Adler said. "People don't realize a sunburn is the same level of burn as you would get from hot steam. Treatments like aspirin can also be helpful in treating a

Second-degree burns cause blistering and are most often considered a medical emergency. If the burn is severe, or accompanied by a headache, chills or fever, seek medical help right away and protect your skin while the burn heals. Studies have linked childhood or adolescent sunburns with the development of malignant melanoma, which is a potentially lethal form of skin cancer.

"Everyone needs to use sunscreen because anyone can get skin cancer," Adler said. "Redheads, freckle-skinned and blondes are at a higher risk for sunburns. Even African-American are at risk, so remember, no matter what your skin pigmentation is, always wear sunscreen."

Sun Safety tips from the American Dermatological Society:

- 1. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays and has a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or greater, even on cloudy days. Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, especially when swimming or sweating.
- 2. Wear protective, tightly woven clothing. Dark colors give more protection.
- 3. Wear a 4-inch wide broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses with UV protective
- 4. Stay in the shade whenever possible.
- 5. Avoid reflective surfaces, which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.
- 6. Stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. These are the times that the sun's rays are the strongest

comes to UNO

Carol Dana

The Faces of AIDS exhibit will be on display at UNO in the Milo Bail Student Center beginning Thursday and will remain until June 28.

The exhibit consists of 20 portraits of individuals from the Heartland who are affected by AIDS, six of whom are from Nebraska. Other individuals come from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin. Information about each individual is included with the portraits.

This photo documentary originated a couple years ago through the efforts of the Chicago Public Health Department, and is being presented by the Nebraska Health and Human Services and UNO. The exhibit runs in conjunction with Nebraska HIV Testing Week, June 24 through June 30, to emphasize the need to be tested for the virus.

Approximately one million Americans are currently infected with HIV. Of that number, nearly one-third do not realize they carry the virus. People under 25 account for one-half of newly infected individuals. AIDS is the leading cause of death among African-Americans ages 25 to 44, according to information from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One of the goals of the AIDS exhibit is to reduce the number of individuals who are unaware they are infected with HIV. The exhibit is designed to illustrate the wide range of people, both male and female, married and single, from different ethnic backgrounds, who are afflicted with the virus. Presenters also hope viewers realize this is a community problem, something that could affect each and every one of them.

"We hope people gain an awareness that it's happening here. It's not just a big city problem," said Charles Housman, communications coordinator with the NHHS HIV Prevention Program. "These people are their neighbors. They are very normal, regular people."

A number of Nebraskans with AIDS will be speaking at the reception to be held opening night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge at MBSC.

The Faces of AIDS exhibit is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. It is free of

HIV testing will be available, also free of charge, at several sites in Nebraska. Individuals who wish to be tested may remain anonymous, both when they are tested and when they return for the results. To locate the nearest testing site, call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline at 800-782-2437, or Web visit the site www.hhs.state.ne.us/dpc/HIV Testing Sites.htm.





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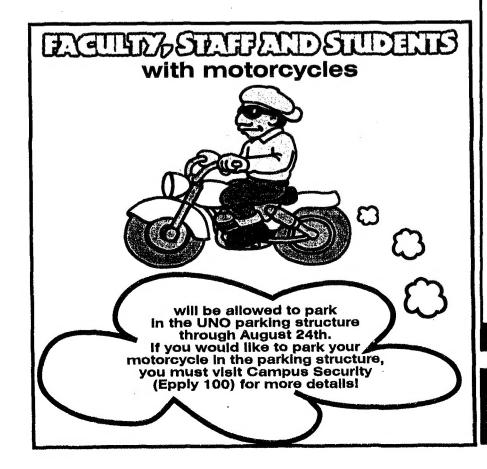
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Atmospheres: Ole's stare of death

column by Holly Lukasiewicz

Just when you think all sanity is lost, most occurrences will confirm the fact that indeed most sanity is lost.

Take for instance the brilliant idea of taxidermy. Add some food to a Nebraska village with a population of 500 and you have the purest form of semi-insanity at its finest.

In this small town dwells a restaurant known for its unbelievable beef and an atmosphere of taxidermied animals from all over the world.

Travelers along I-80 frequent the stop and treat it as a tradition during their travels. It provides a small dose of relaxation and a break from the exciting and intoxicating eye-popping views provided by the Nebraska terrain.

Exiting I-80, travelers enter the village and are immediately rollin' down main street; a dirt road that spans the width of six lanes of interstate. There is no need to give any glares or fingers in an attempt to ward off other potential parking-space-preyers for close parking to this small town's main attraction. After sweeping your vehicle into a VIP-style parking spot, fine dining and taxidermied creature-friends await you.

Upon entering the restaurant, travelers' stomachs growl with hunger. A large, prowling polar bear growls back at you with her soft, beady eyes. Even though she is encased in a large glass structure and does not really growl, the monstrous bear's overpowering presence is somewhat intimidating. The whiteness of the bear does shed some light on the otherwise dim dining room though.

Visitors can wade between tables, chairs and animals to seat themselves. To get the full experience of eating a meal with taxidermy, most would suggest a table by the wall over which looms the head of a deer. If you do not feel comfortable with a deer, there are many others to choose from, such as boar, zebra and elephant.

The large fireplace in the corner gives the whole restaurant the feeling that you are in a ski resort. Furthermore, you might not be surprised to see someone waltzing around in furry boots similar to the ones Jim Carrey wore in the movie "Dumb and Dumber." Large tusks frame the fireplace and bring a sense of reality to the actual size of these creatures.

First-time visitors to the restaurant will definitely have mixed reactions to the atmosphere. Hunters and those appreciative of the art of taxidermy will no doubt find it fascinating and impressive. But vegetarians and those compassionate for animals may feel otherwise.

The menu does not pride itself on gourmet meals, but they definitely satisfy travelers' small hunger. If you are really hungry you might want to plan on ordering two meals.

It is a strange experience to eat a meal with literally hundreds of dead animals staring at you. They are everywhere. Despite the unusual surroundings, it has a very relaxed family atmosphere. Children point at specific animals and pry parents for explanations. Young infants stare wide-eyed at the still creatures and wait patiently for a response.

As you pay your bill at the bar, souvenir t-shirts are sold near the exit to commemorate the expedition and eating experience.

The part of this episode that brings a small level of insanity to the whole ordeal is the idea of eating and mingling among dead animals. This uncommon phenomenon is a worthwhile excursion for those aching for the surreal.

After the stiff animals have bid visitors a farewell, the travelers must reacquaint themselves with their colorful bug-splattered windshields. It is tiny creatures like these that do not get to spend their afterlives observing humans at their most magnificent ... when dining at Paxton's very own Ole's.







Stabbing Westward
(singer Christopher Hall
pictured far left) took
the stage in the middle
of the day, followed by
other acts including
Monster Magnet (singer
David Wyndorf pictured
above) and Marilyn
Manson (pictured
middle) who closed the
Boot Kamp exercises,

ROCK TRAINING AT BOOT KAMP

review by Brian Brashaw

The sun was shining, the skin was showing and the bands were rocking, but the heat reduced a usually energetic crowd to a mere head bob for most of the concert.

Boot Kamp, hosted by K-Rock 93.3, had all the elements necessary for a great show except for the heat. It wasn't until it cooled down as Buckcherry went on stage that the show even resembled a typical Westfair all-day rock show.

Everything from the line-up, which included almost 30 bands on two stages, to the attendance, which was almost 20,000, to the strength of the line-up, which featured bands like Stabbing Westward, Buckcherry, Staind and headliner Marilyn Manson, promised a spectacular show. Well, after the sun went down, a spectacular show finally happened.

The pit at any rock concert is a true experience for anyone to behold. Testosterone-driven guys slamming themselves into one another, people riding on the faith that the hands of others will keep them in the air during a crowd surf, and feeling the music surge through your body from head to toe, all make going down into the pit worthwhile. Yet there are some precautions to take. Just ask Jon Wittfield, the first crowd surfer at Boot Kamp.

"Man, I went up, and there wasn't enough people to keep me there. I crashed straight first into the concrete!" Wittfield said. "But I'd do it all again.

Why?

The clothing at a rock concert is unique in itself. The pure range of spectators who flock to such an event is somewhat comical. You have guys showing up in Nautica polos, Dr. Martens sandals and Abercrombie shorts, who most likely aren't going to be found

in the pit. Then there are the girls who dress up in bandannas and butterfly wings, literally butterfly wings. Finally there are the Anti-Crombies. Those kids who wore Old Navy Abercrombie shirts with slashes through the logo and anticorporate slogans

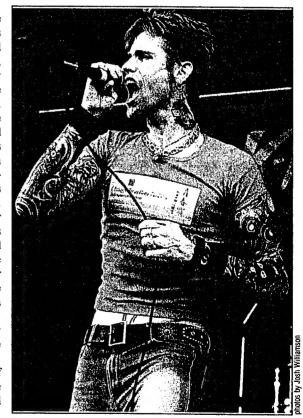
spray painted on them.

The lack of water and the outrageous prices to stay cool and get food spoiled the experience. Four bucks for water, five for beer, four for a hamburger. What guts! And why do they charge it? Because we pay it.

The major relief at Boot Kamp was the hose of free water and a quick shower. Greed then set in. Impatient concert-goers decided not to wait for the water and slashed the hose in the

neighborhood of eight times, which reduced the hose to a dribble.

The bands were in rare form, despite the heat. The first band to attract a crowd-surfable contingent was Oleander. They were followed by Stabbing Westward, which gave the best show. Monster Magnet was next with their off-beat brand of rock and a little spice of strippers on the side. Buckcherry arrived on stage looking incoherent as usual but somehow managed to put on a solid show and did get the best crowd response. Staind came on with the first



Buckcherry (Josh Todd pictured) closed their set shortly before the sun went down on the all-day concert, but the heat on and off-stage didn't let up.

hit, "Mudshovel," which fueled the crowd. Aaron Lewis, Staind frontman, then slowed things down with "Outside" and "It's Been Awhile," which drew the obligatory rock concert lighter show. Manson was the final act and the headliner. Yet his "Hail Satan" chant and him referring to the Westfair crowd as Alpine Valley, Manson's show was the worst at Boot Kamp by far.

After the day was over, it wasn't the rock but the sun at Boot Kamp that whipped me into shape and got me ready for the Rock Forces, whose next mission is July 5th at Rockfest.

Shakespeare on the Green opens

Carol Dana

The voice of the Bard will once again be heard in Elmwood Park as Shakespeare on the Green opens for its 15th season Thursday.

This summer's selections from The Nebraska Shakespeare Festival include "As You Like It" and "Hamlet," featuring artists from around the country as well as local favorites. The productions begin at 8 p.m., an earlier starting time to accommodate summer schedules.

"As You Like It," a comedy set in the forest of Arden, runs through Sunday and returns Thursday, July 5 and Saturday, July 7. Two of the characters in the play are portrayed by actors from UNO, Craig Fitzpatrick, who plays Silvius, and Greta Marie Zandstra, who plays the part of a page. Zandstra, a UNO graduate, is the director of this year's Camp Shakespeare.

Fitzpatrick has a dual role this season, playing the part of Rosencrantz in "Hamlet," which is offered June 28 through June 30 and July 1, 6 and 8. "Hamlet," a Shakespeare play well known for the soliloquy beginning, "To be or not to be," deals with the darker side of life. It is a tragedy complete with love, betrayal, revenge and murder.

Along with Fitzpatrick, UNO is represented in "Hamlet" by Terry Brennan as Marcellus and Tuyet Pham, a UNO graduate who portrays one of the players.

Organizers of Shakespeare on the Green feel there is something valuable to be gained from attending these types of productions.

'It's Shakespeare in its natural element, live theater with professional actors," said LeAnn Anderson, assistant to the managing director of NSF.

Natural elements are an important part

of Shakespeare on the Green this year. The audience can look forward to a real waterfall in "As You Like It" and a sense that Elmwood Park is the stage for both plays.

To get a sense of what is about to take place, a seminar is offered at 6 p.m. before each performance. Actors stroll among the audience, explaining both the plot and the language.

The Greenshow follows the seminar at 7 p.m. This year's entertainment includes Canterbury Singers, jugglers and a stilt walker, all dressed in Shakespearean costume. Fencing will also be performed among the crowd.

While enjoying the pre-play festivities, members of the audience can either take advantage of the concessions that are available or bring their own refreshments, as well as blankets and chairs.

Notably absent from Shakespeare on the Green this season is the noise from the cooling tower at UNO. The construction of a soundproof wall has eliminated the problem that plagued past productions.

One problem organizers of the event have no control over is the weather. In case of rain, plays are not rescheduled. Last year, however, after three rainouts the production moved inside UNO's Fine Arts Theater, accommodating as many people as possible.

Warm, sunny weather is not considered a reason to miss a production of Shakespeare on the Green.

"People say it's so hot, but when the sun goes down, it really cools off and it's a very, very neat experience," Anderson said.

Free parking is available south of the UNO library for each performance. Admission is also free, although donations will be accepted to help pay the salaries of the actors. More information may be obtained by calling 280-2391.

The cheap and the choice

Compiled by Bobbi McCollum

Concerts

Tuesday, June 19

The Black Dahlias, Crush the Clown and Blue 88 at Knickerbockers

Battle of the Bands with Filthy Few and more at the Ranch Bowl

Wednesday, June 20

Hatebreed, American Head Charge and Creatures of Habit at Knickerbockers, 6 p.m.

Rev. Horton Heat, Gotohells and Death at the Music Box

Analog and 8FOUNDead at the Ranch Bowl, 8

Thursday, June 21

Monkey's Uncle at Harvey's Casino, 7 p.m. Girly Freak Show at Knickerbockers 6BELLBLUES with Walter Trout at the Music Box Apostrophe at the Ranch Bowl

The Pharomoans at Rumors

Frlday, June 22

Dad's Gone Mad at Ameristar Casino, 8:30 p.m. The City Limit Band at Bushwackers Monkey's Uncle at Harvey's Casino, 9 p.m.

The Monroes, The Sound of Rails and Bombardment Society at The Junction Drive By Honky and W.T. at Knickerbockers

The Confidentials at the Music Box The Pharomoans at Rumors Saturday, June 23

Dad's Gone Mad at Ameristar Casino Back Alley Driver at Boondockers The City Limit Band at Bushwackers The Satellite Blues Band at E'Z Place Straight Outta Jr. High and Beebe at

Knickerbockers Raygun Revolt CD release party at the Music Box The Approach at Papio Bay Aquatic Center

Sunday, June 24 The Matt Banta Band and Spiral Locomotive at McCormack's Sports Complex, \$5, 6 p.m. The Satellite Blues Band at McKennas, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, June 25 The Amazing Crowns and The Gadjits at

Knickerbockers, 6 p.m.

Community

6/21-24

Nebraska Storytelling Festival at the College of St. Mary, 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

Omaha Summer Arts Festival at various locations downtown

Venue Addresses

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EZ Place, 15761 W. Dodge The Junction, 1507 Farnam. Knickerbockers, 901 O St., Lincoln McKennas, 7425 Pacific The Medusa Project, 16th & Harney The Music Box, 7777 Cass St. Omaha Community Playhouse, 69th & Cass The Ranch Bowl, 1600 S. 72nd St.

The Rose, 2001 Farnam St. Trovato's, 5013 Underwood Ave.

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to deal also with false information among youth that prevents them from using condoms."

Two of the falsehoods circulating among Cameroon youth is the belief that condoms are already infected with AIDS and that AIDS does not exist and condoms are just for business purposes.

"Those beliefs are not true," said Banaszak.

This summer the YDF will be in Omaha to educate people that STDs and AIDS are not just in the U.S.; they are worldwide problems.

For more information call Jill Banaszak at 391-8580 or e-mail jgrice@unmc.edu.

The UNOmaha Shuttle bus service will run throughout the summer beginning Monday, May 7, 2001.

The Shuttle bus service will run from 6:30 am to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Holidays. The Shuttle

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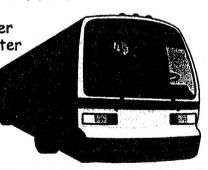
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Campus

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Do you think your dreams have any meaning?



Becky Kingery Junior

Yes, I do. Whenever I am stressing about something, I seem to dream about it.



Toby Granados Junior

I'd have to say no.
I think dreams are
just another level
of fantasy.



Tony Krause Junior

The only meaning dreams have are what you consciously put into them when you wake up.



Charlene Hill Freshman

Yes, because sometimes I dream about the answers to my problems.



Tammy Sherrod Freshman

Yes. Sometimes
God is giving you
a sign of what is to
come, good or
bad.



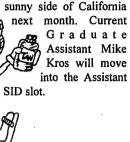
Linda Gunn Graduate student

Some of them do. I think your subconscious tries to work through problems in dreams.

Peanut Gallery

- Props to Mav senior golfer Joey Simet, who was named to the National Golf Coaches Association All-Scholar Team. Simet, majoring in exercise science, is a true student/athlete. She is averaging 3.83 GPA in class, while shooting a 91.1 on the links.
- New UNO basketball Head Coach Kevin McKenna has announced the addition of Mitch Mosser to his staff. Mosser had been an assistant coach at Nebraska Wesleyan.
- Assistant Sports Information

 Director Robert Pratt will be leaving for the



from Books, page 2

I was momentarily disappointed to find that the Merchant of Venus specializes in science fiction. There was the Star Trek/Star Wars shelf, walls of science fiction ranging from aliens and Mars to "1984"-esque police state hypotheses and one particular shelf that had rare old books wrapped in plastic.

Have you ever seen the cover of the Counting Crows' "August and Everything After" CD? The most fascinating discovery I made at this bookstore was a children's book by the name "The Day I Traded My Dad for Two Goldfish": with that same cover. Very trippy.

Although I was initially disappointed to find no seductive nymphs beckoning me to take them home with me, what I did find proved to be even better ... a quiet, private retreat where you may browse at your leisure and surprise your friends with an unusual find.

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but the subways to go to any of New York's boroughs such as Queens, Bronx and especially for Brooklyn. The train takes you almost to the doorsteps of the Brooklyn Museum of Art, one of the world's finest. For the really ambitious adventurers, the Brooklyn bridge contains a walkway.

If you get off the train anywhere from 4th to 12th Streets or at Sheridan Square, you'll be right in the heart of Greenwich Village and you're in for a treat. The splendor of the Village will enchant you with its rich history

of old New York. You can almost hear the ghosts singing out from the old vaudeville houses and blues clubs where performers like Barbra Streisand began their careers. In her youth, Streisand reigned supreme at the BonSoir which still stands proudly on Christopher Street, as does the Village Gate where playwright Sam Shepard performed rock and roll before he "found himself."

Join Steve next week as he continues giving his tour of Greenwich Village and New York City.

from Dreams, page 3

your problem and another one to show the effect

- 3. Personal responsibility. The dreamer is thought to be always responsible for what takes place in the dream. Accidents, delays and blockages to progress inhibit movement. These things seem to be out of our control. but when we apply this rule, we learn we are responsible for our own progress.
- 4. Avoidance. Look for what you are trying to avoid in the dream. This is what you need to face up to in waking life. Essentially, dreams ask you to face your fears. This way you can come to terms with them and try to

interpret their meanings.

One common dream is that of your boyfriend/girlfriend cheating on you. These are usually fear-based dreams. You may have a subconscious fear manifesting itself in your dream, or fears of abandonment. Or you may have noticed signs such as inattentive behavior toward you by your partner.

A warning sign has appeared in your dreams to make you more aware and help you to start dealing with the issue. But be aware. These examples are not always 100 percent correct in every person's situation. You should evaluate your own dream and see if the symbols fit into your situation.

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More women in nation enrolling in law school

Farrah Crouch (U. Oklahoma)

The University of Oklahoma College of Law saw a national trend in their own increased numbers of women who were entering law school.

The American Bar Association reports that in the past 30 years the change in the percentages of women in law school have increased dramatically.

OU Law students in 1970 were sitting in a room where 95 percent of those seats were filled with men. Fast-forward to the 2001 student body and the classrooms were filled with almost 50 percent women.

"The number of women applying have risen -- the profession has become more attractive to women and the applicants are highly qualified women," Robert Smith, associate Dean of Law, said.

Not only have the number of women increased in law programs but along with that has come a decrease in the number of men because as the number of applicants increase, the competition for slots increases, Smith said.

Although the increasing numbers of women are beginning to make their mark in law schools across the United States, the curriculum has remained the same at OU.

Smith said that programs do not place

concern of the gender of the student. They all have the same rights of passage with the same basics that must be learned.

"You practice the same law downtown no matter who you are," Smith said.

This trend of women joining the ranks as lawyers at OU started back in the '70s but did not show promise until almost 1980. The early '70s showed little women influence in the law program but in 1978 women increased their number from 78 to 167 and since then, their numbers have had a steady increase.

Taye VanMerlin, Oklahoma attorney and 1984 graduate of OCU College of Law, saw the beginning influences of women while she was entering law school in 1980.

"More women were coming into the law school because of people who had come before us and the women scored extremely well" VanMerlin said.

In fact, Jaren Howard, Oklahoma attorney, said she feels that in the future, the trend will shift towards the law profession being dominated by women.

"Women gravitate towards the law profession because a man is more logical, mathematically minded and women tend to be more language arts-oriented, which is law school in a nutshell," Howard said. "I'll take a bet that more women will join law school in the future and out number the men."